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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 0164

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SUBJECT: P.M. MANLEY BLAMES JLP FOR VIOLENCE AND

ANNOUNCES MEASURES TO COUNTER IT

REF: KINGSTON 0150

1. P.M. MANLEY IN NATIONAL BROADCAST EVENING JANUARY 9
ANNOUNCED BAN ON MARCHES OR DEMONSTRATIONS OF ANY KIND
IN CORPORATE AREA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, AND INTENTION
TO USE GUN COURT AS WEAPON AGAINST POLITICAL GUN
CRIMINALS. LEGISLATION TO REESTABLISH THE FULL FORCE
OF THE GUN COURT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT THIS
WEEK.

2. MANLEY BLAMED THE PAST WEEK OF VIOLENCE ON WELL PAID,
HIRED GUN MEN WHO WERE ORGANIZED INTO A POLITICAL GANG
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TO CONFRONT THE FOCUES OF LAW AND ORDER. THIS GROUP

WAS GUILTY OF THE POLICE KILLINGS, FIRE BOMBINGS AND
ATTACKS ON FIREFIGHTERS.

3. LEST THERE BE ANY CONFUSION AS TO WHO THESE EVIL
TYPES ARE, THE P.M. REMINDED THAT HE WARNED ABOUT THESE
"SINISTER, COLD-BLOODED POLITICAL FORCES" BEFORE HE LEFT
FOR NAIROBI LAST MONTH. IN THAT SPEECH, HE SAID THAT
THE OPPOSITION JLP, HAVING BEEN THWARTED AT THE POLLS,
MUST BE CLOSELY WATCHED AS THEY WOULD TRY ANYTHING TO
GAIN POWER. SPEAKING TO A PNP RALLY JANUARY 11 MANLEY
WAS EVEN MORE DIRECT IN ASSIGNING GUILT, ACCUSING THE
JLP OF "HIRING ARMED GUNMEN TO SHOOT THEIR WAY TO
POWER".

4. MANLEY TOLD THE PNP RALLY THAT THE PARTY WILL
ORGANIZE SELF-DEFENCE GROUPS TO COUNTER THE ATTEMPT
TO BRING FASCISM INTO THE COUNTRY. THEY WOULD NOT BE
ARMED BUT WOULD ACT AS GUARDS AT MEETINGS AND PATROL
PNP OFFICES. THE SELF-DEFENCE FORCE WOULD BE COMPOSED
OF DISCIPLINED YOUNG PNP SUPPORTERS, WHOSE NAMES HAD
BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE POLICE, WHO THEN WOULD ISSUE
THEM WITH IDENTIFICATION CARDS. EARLIER IN THE DAY,
MANLEY PLEDGED TO A MEETING OF FIREMEN THAT SERIOUS
STUDY WOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING THE FIRE SERVICE
WITH ITS OWN ARMED SECURITY FORCE.

5. THE P.M. CALLED FOR A MASS MEETING ON JANUARY 29 AT
THE STATUE OF HIS FATHER IN THE PARADE. THE EXPECTED
CROWD OF 100,000 WOULD BE "THOSE WHO WILL BE GOING
FORWARD TO SOCIALISM IN 1976.... WHEN THE (THE OPPOSITION)
LOOK AT US THEY WILL COIL UP. AND WHEN THE NEXT ELECTIONS
COME WE WILL BURY THEM IN SOCIALISM."

6. COMMENT: MANLEY'S COMBATIVE, PARTISAN REMARKS OVER
THE WEEKEND HAVE FURTHER UNSETTLED THE NATION. IT
LOOKS LIKE CONFRONTATION RATHER THAN RECONCILIATION
IS GOING TO BE HIS POLICY IN RESPONSE TO THE PAST WEEK'S
EVENTS. HIS ASSIGNMENT OF TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
WEEK'S RIOTING TO THE JLP IS PURE DEMAGOGUERY. THE
PROSPECT OF A PNP SELF-DEFENSE FORCE PARTICULARLY IS
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